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1. This communication is responsive to 27 May 2011.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 96-101, 104-107, 110-119, 122-127, 129-136, 138-147, 149-151, and 153-155.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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/Stephen L. Rawlings/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1643	

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Laura Coruzzi and Hong-Van Le on July 8, 2011.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

The following set of claims has replaced the prior set of claims:

1-95. (Canceled)

96. (Currently Amended) A polynucleotide encoding a heavy chain or a variable heavy chain region of a monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13, wherein said monoclonal antibody comprises antigen-binding regions derived from an a heavy and light chain variable region comprising the complementarity determining regions of the anti-IL-13 antibody comprising the amino acid sequence of an antibody produced by a hybridoma designated with American Type Culture Collection ("ATCC") accession number PTA-5657.

97. (Currently Amended) A polynucleotide encoding a light chain or a variable light chain region of a monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13, wherein said monoclonal antibody comprises antigen-binding regions derived from an a heavy and light chain variable region comprising the complementarity determining regions of

the anti-IL-13 antibody comprising the amino acid sequence of an antibody produced by a hybridoma designated with American Type Culture Collection ("ATCC") accession number PTA-5657.

98. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 96, wherein said monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 comprises (i) complementarity determining regions CDRH1, CDRH2 and CDRH3 having the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 117, SEQ ID NO: 123, and SEQ ID NO: 135, respectively; and (ii) complementarity determining regions CDRL1, CDRL2 and CDRL3 having the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 99, SEQ ID NO: 104, and SEQ ID NO: 115, respectively.

99. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 97, wherein said monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 comprises (i) complementarity determining regions CDRH1, CDRH2 and CDRH3 having the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 117, SEQ ID NO: 123, and SEQ ID NO: 135, respectively; and (ii) complementarity determining regions CDRL1, CDRL2 and CDRL3 having the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 99, SEQ ID NO: 104, and SEQ ID NO: 115, respectively.

100. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 96, wherein said monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 143.

101. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 97, wherein said monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 comprises a light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 142.

102 and 103. (Canceled)

104. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 96, wherein said monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 comprises a heavy chain

variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, 143, 145, 146, 147, 148 or 149.

105. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 97, wherein said monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 comprises a light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, 142, 144 or 150.

106. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 96 or 98, wherein said monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 is a monovalent antibody, a multispecific antibody, a chimeric antibody, a humanized antibody, a single chain antibody, a Fab fragment or a F(ab') fragment.

107. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 97 or 99, wherein said monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 is a monovalent antibody, a multispecific antibody, a chimeric antibody, a humanized antibody, a single chain antibody, a Fab fragment or a F(ab') fragment.

108 and 109. (Canceled)

110. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim [[104]] 96, wherein said monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

111. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim [[105]] 97, wherein said monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 comprises a light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.

112. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 106, wherein the antibody is a multispecific antibody that is a bispecific antibody.

113. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 107, wherein the antibody is a multispecific antibody that is a bispecific antibody.

114. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim [[106]] 96 or 98, wherein the monoclonal antibody is a humanized antibody.

115. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim [[107]] 97 or 99, wherein the monoclonal antibody is a humanized antibody.

116. (Currently Amended) A polynucleotide encoding a heavy chain or a variable heavy chain region of a monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13, wherein said monoclonal antibody is a humanized antibody of an antibody produced by a hybridoma designated with ATCC accession number PTA-5657, wherein said humanized antibody comprises (i) complementarity determining regions CDRH1, CDRH2 and CDRH3 having the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 117, SEQ ID NO: 123, and SEQ ID NO: 135, respectively; and (ii) complementarity determining regions CDRL 1, CDRL2 and CDRL3 having the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 99, SEQ ID NO: 104, and SEQ ID NO: 115, respectively.

117. (Currently Amended) A polynucleotide encoding a light chain or a variable light chain region of a monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL- 13, wherein said monoclonal antibody is a humanized antibody of an antibody produced by a hybridoma designated with ATCC accession number PTA-5657, wherein said humanized antibody comprises (i) complementarity determining regions CDRH1, CDRH2 and CDRH3 having the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 117, SEQ ID NO: 123, and SEQ ID NO: 135, respectively; and (ii) complementarity determining regions CDRL 1, CDRL2 and CDRL3 having the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 99, SEQ ID NO: 104, and SEQ ID NO: 115, respectively.

118. (Previously Presented) A polynucleotide encoding a heavy chain or a variable heavy chain region of an antibody that binds human IL-13, wherein said antibody comprises a variable heavy chain region comprising complementarity determining regions CDRH 1, CDRH2 and CDRH3 having the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 117, SEQ ID NO: 123, and SEQ ID NO: 135, respectively; and wherein said antibody comprises a variable light chain region comprising complementarity determining regions CDRL1, CDRL2 and CDRL3 having the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 99, SEQ ID NO: 104, and SEQ ID NO: 115, respectively.

119. (Previously Presented) A polynucleotide encoding a light chain or a variable light chain region of an antibody that binds human IL-13, wherein said antibody comprises a variable heavy chain region comprising complementarity determining regions CDRH1, CDRH2 and CDRH3 having the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 117, SEQ ID NO: 123, and SEQ ID NO: 135, respectively; and wherein said antibody comprises a variable light chain region comprising complementarity determining regions CDRL 1, CDRL2 and CDRL3 having the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 99, SEQ ID NO: 104, and SEQ ID NO: 115, respectively.

120 and 121. (Canceled)

122. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 116, wherein the monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 comprises a heavy chain and a light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 143 and SEQ ID NO: 142, respectively.

123. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 117, wherein the monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 comprises a heavy chain and a light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 143 and SEQ ID NO: 142, respectively.

124. (Previously Presented) The polynucleotide of claim 118, wherein the antibody that binds human IL-13 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 143 and SEQ ID NO: 142.

125. (Previously Presented) The polynucleotide of claim 119, wherein the antibody that binds human IL-13 comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 143 and SEQ ID NO: 142.

126. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 116[.]] or 117, 120, or 124, wherein said monoclonal antibody that specifically binds human IL-13 is selected from the group consisting of: a monovalent antibody, a multispecific antibody, a single chain antibody, a Fab fragment, and a F(ab') fragment.

127. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 126, wherein said antibody that binds human IL-13 is a multispecific antibody that is a bispecific antibody.

128. (Canceled)

129. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 118[.]] or 119, wherein said antibody that binds human IL-13 is a monovalent antibody, a multispecific antibody, a chimeric antibody, a humanized antibody, a single chain antibody, a Fab fragment, or a F(ab') fragment.

130. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 129, wherein said antibody that binds human IL-13 is a multispecific antibody that is a bispecific antibody.

131. (Previously Presented) The polynucleotide of claim 118 or 119, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

132. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 116[[,]] or 117, 120, or 124, wherein the monoclonal antibody is an IgG antibody.

133. (Previously Presented) The polynucleotide of claim 118 or 119, wherein the antibody is an IgG antibody.

134. (Previously Presented) The polynucleotide of claim 132, wherein the antibody is an IgG1, an IgG2, an IgG3 or an IgG4 antibody.

135. (Previously Presented) The polynucleotide of claim 133, wherein the antibody is an IgG1, an IgG2, an IgG3 or an IgG4 antibody.

136. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 96, 97, 98, or 99, wherein the monoclonal antibody is an IgG1, an IgG2, an IgG3 or an IgG4 antibody.

137. (Canceled)

138. (Currently Amended) A vector comprising one or more of the polynucleotide polynucleotides of claim claims 116, 117, 118, [[or]] and 119.

139. (Currently Amended) The vector of claim 138, wherein said vector comprises a polynucleotide encoding (i) a heavy chain or a variable heavy chain region, and (ii) a light chain or a variable light chain region[[,]] of the antibody that binds human IL-13.

140. (Currently Amended) A host cell comprising one or more ~~vectors of claim 138~~polynucleotides of claims 116, 117, 118, and 119.

141. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The host cell of claim 140 comprising a vector of claim 139 a polynucleotide encoding a variable heavy chain region and a

polynucleotide encoding a variable light chain region of the antibody that binds human IL-13.

142. (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 140, wherein the host cell is a mammalian cell.

143. (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 141, wherein the host cell is a mammalian cell.

144. (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 142, wherein the mammalian cell is a Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cell.

145. (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 143, wherein the mammalian cell is a Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cell.

146. (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 140, wherein the host cell is a bacteria.

147. (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 141, wherein the host cell is a bacteria.

148. (Canceled)

149. (Previously Presented) A method of producing an antibody that binds human IL-13, wherein said method comprises culturing a host cell of claim 141.

150. (Currently Amended) A method of producing an antibody that binds human IL-13, wherein said method comprises culturing a host cell of claim [[142]] 143 that expresses a heavy chain or a variable heavy chain region and a light chain or a variable light chain region of the antibody that binds human IL-13.

151. (Previously Presented) A method of producing an antibody that binds human IL-13, wherein said method comprises culturing a host cell of claim 143.

152. (Canceled)

153. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 149, further comprising the step of obtaining the antibody expressed by the host cell.

154. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 150, further comprising the step of obtaining the antibody expressed by the host cell.

155. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 151, further comprising the step of obtaining the antibody expressed by the host cell.

Conclusion

4. Claims 96-101, 104-107, 110-119, 122-127, 129-136, 138-147, 149-151, and 153-155 have been allowed.

5. Claims 96-101, 104-107, 110-119, 122-127, 129-136, 138-147, 149-151, and 153-155 have been renumbered as claims 1-50, respectively.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to STEPHEN RAWLINGS whose telephone number is (571)272-0836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Misook Yu can be reached on (571) 272-0839. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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